

8/06/2023

Shadow of the Cross
Lutheran Church

Rev. Brian C Dupre
Pastor

THE CROSS CHRONICLES



Readings for the week of August 06,2023 `

Pentecost

First Reading Isaiah.55:1-5

Epistle Romans 9:1-5

Holy Gospel –Matt. 14:13-21

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Cross website:**

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Worship Service: Sunday 9:45 am **Holy Communion** every Sunday.

Prayer Journey: 2nd and 4th Saturdays 11:15 am via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8482337828?pwd=SDEweUIQTVVOcWtkY3ZjNytNRHVwUT09>

Meeting ID: 848 233 7828 Passcode: 333179

Fellowship hour with refreshments will follow the service.

Pastor Dupre's Sunday Bible study begin at 11:00 am.

Aaron Clark has created a SOTC YouTube channel and will be streaming the service.

Please direct all questions to the church office 248 474-0675, Mon – Friday, 9:45 am – 2:00 pm. Thank you.

Tuesday Bible Study is at 11:30 am. You can also join us via Zoom, contact the office for the information.

“Who’s In Charge?”

Well summer is winding down and as another autumn approaches ask yourself, “Who’s in charge?” The seasons keep spinning around in perfect harmony with the year before. The weather grows cooler each fall and warmer each spring; babies are born and the sick and elderly pass on. Who’s in charge? The sun rises each morning and sets each evening. Who’s in charge?

The inescapable answer is God. But we, who are sinful by nature, desire to be the captains of our own ships, the masters of our own destinies, forgetting that we are not our own; we belong to Him who sacrificed Himself for us; the One whose body and blood, paid the price that we could not have.

The Bible is full of those, who like us, tried to push God off His throne and seize glory for ourselves. Somewhere in the back of our minds we think that we know what is best for ourselves more than God does. When Satan came to Eve in the Garden of Eden, he strongly implied that God did not know what was best for her and her husband, and foolishly she believed him. The devil’s approach hasn’t changed since the days of Eden. He seeks to fool us into thinking that we can take charge of our life, going our own way without any burden of obedience to God. Because of sin, God who claimed us as His own through Holy Baptism often plays no more than an extra in our lives.

In Isaiah 7:10 -17, we meet Ahaz who was the grandson of Uzziah, the king who died in the year Isaiah saw the exalted Lord in the temple. Isaiah, acknowledging God’s authority, responded to God’s question, “Who will go for us?” with the words, “Here am I. Send me!”. King Ahaz had a problem realizing that God is in charge, and not the king. In his mind, no one was greater than the king, and it is the king who calls the plays. King Ahaz was right, he just didn’t know who the real King was.

The Bible also contains stories of those who did know who the real King is. In Romans 1:1-7, Paul obviously knows full well who is in charge. Christ called him to be an apostle. God set him apart for the proclamation of the Gospel. God had given the Good News promises through the prophets long before. God sent His Son. God sent the Holy Spirit. Through God, Paul received apostleship. We belong to Jesus Christ. Grace and peace come to us through Him.

Joseph is presented to us in Matthew 1:18-25. He is a good man, a righteous man. He has formulated his plan as to what to do with pregnant Mary. But he also acknowledges God’s veto of the idea. “When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus” (Matthew 1:24-25).

Pushing God off the throne leaves us with a dear price to pay in terms of great frustrations and disappointments. The Good News is that He who is always in charge provides forgiveness for our pathetic attempt at playing God. We can rejoice that He who loved us to death is indeed in charge. Let us never forget. Amen! God bless you all!

-Pastor Dupre

The peace of the Lord be with you -Rev. Brian Dupre, Pastor, SOTC

SOTC Zoom Account

Any chairperson needing to use the Zoom account for their ministry, please contact the Church office. There is a sign-up sheet in the office to reserve your date and time.



JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL Online

Sunday school is back, and we are meeting in person on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Our adult Sunday school will continue Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom and we hope to see you there. If you have any questions regarding our Sunday school, please feel free to call any of the Sunday school staff, Dawn Kivimaki, Lori Smith, Laina Burk, Shirley Bowden, Myita Davis, Roderick McClure, Barbara Profit or the church office 248-474-0675. The Zoom link will remain the same until further notice.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83332323924?pwd=Rzdpd09PU05CWXXZCU1NROEI4bll5dz09>

Meeting ID: 83332323924, **Passcode:** 525750



Cherry Pound Cake

Ingredients:

- 1 jar (10 ounces) maraschino cherries, divided
 - 1 cup butter, softened
 - 1/2 cup shortening
 - 3 cups sugar
 - 6 large eggs
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 3/4 cup 2% milk
 - 3-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
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Directions

- Drain and chop cherries, reserving juice; set aside.
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- In a large bowl, cream the butter, shortening and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Combine milk and 1/4 cup reserved cherry juice; add to creamed mixture alternately with flour, beating well after each addition. Fold in 1/2 cup cherries.
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- Transfer to a greased and floured 10-in. tube pan. Bake at 325° for 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 hours or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack to cool completely.

- In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and butter until fluffy. Add the confectioners' sugar, vanilla and enough reserved cherry juice to achieve spreading consistency. Fold in coconut and remaining chopped cherries. Frost cake. Sprinkle with walnuts and additional coconut if desired.
 - **Frosting:**
 - 1/4 cup butter, softened
 - 3-3/4 cups confectioners' sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1/2 cup sweetened shredded coconut
 - 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
 - Additional sweetened shredded coconut, optional
 - Prep: 25 min. Bake: 1-1/4 hours + cooling
 - **Makes**
 - 12 servings
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RELIGIOUS JOKES

Q. What did Daniel tell his real estate agent?

A. "I'd prefer a house with no den."

Q. Who in the Bible knew the most people?

A. Abraham knew a Lot.

Q. How do you know Pharaoh was athletic?

A. He had a court.

Q. What did Zachariah do when he and Elizabeth had disagreements?

A. He gave the silent treatment.

Q. When preparing for the Feast of Weeks, what did some disciples wonder?

A. How much is this going to (Pente)cost.

Bible Trivia Questions

Q. Is the Bible the best-selling book of all time?

A. Yes

It is on Guinness World Records that the Bible is the best-selling book of all time, with at least 5 billion copies of the holy book sold as of 1995. Qur'an has recorded 800 million copies sold, while 190 million copies go for the Book of Mormon.

Q. What are the three synoptic gospels in the New Testament

A. Matthew, Mark, and Luke

The four gospels tell the story of the life of Jesus in a similar pattern which is why they are called the synoptic gospels.

Q. What did Zacchaeus promise to give to the poor in reparation for his sins?

A. Half of his wealth

After listening to Jesus preach, Zacchaeus turned a new leaf and decided to pay back what he had stolen from people.

Q Where was Saul traveling to when he had a divine encounter and was converted?

A. Damascus

Saul was going to Damascus to kill more Christians when the Holy Spirit changed his life.

Q. How many words did Moses write in the Bible?

A. 125,139 words

Moses is the human author in the Bible with the highest number of written words.

Everything is Going to Be All Right

How should I not be glad to contemplate?

The clouds clearing beyond the dormer windows.

And a high tide reflected on the ceiling?

There will be dying, there will be dying,

But there is no need to go into that.

The lines flow from the hand unbidden

And the hidden source is the watchful heart.

The sun rises in spite of everything.

and the hidden source is the watchful heart.

The sun rises in spite of everything.

And the far cities are beautiful and bright.

I lie here in a riot of sunlight.

Watching the daybreak and the clouds flying.

Everything is going to be all right.

Derek Mahon

Publisher's note: If you have information, prayer request, something you would like to share with your church family, a poem, a song, a scripture, a picture of something that puts a smile on your face, please send it to Veronica's email sotclutheran.officemanager@gmail.com or Dawn's email sotclutheran.secretary@gmail.com

Information for the Newsletter, please submit by the 20th of each month for the following month's publication. Thank you and Blessings!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Financial Information as of June 30,2023YTD Revenue \$274,019 Budgeted Revenue \$311,000 Under Budget (\$369.81)

****ONLINE GIVING & DONATIONS****

You can use a credit card, or saving account to make donations just go to our home page @ www.shadowofthecrosslc.org and click on donate in the upper right corner. Please write checks to church in black or blue ink. Do not make cross-outs on checks. These are not acceptable to the credit union. Have any questions, contact the office.

Shadow of the Cross is now live streaming the Church Services again please join us.

The Board of Elders invite guests to fill in the welcome cards on the back of the pews. Please place them in the plate during the collection of offerings. Thank You.

Volunteers are needed if we are to have a VBS this year! The date is August 7 through August 11, 2023. The time is 5pm – 8:30pm with dinner served from 5:00-5:45pm. You can help for 1 night or 5 nights. Volunteers needed for: Teachers-Adults and Children, Craft Leaders, Music leaders, Sports/Recreational Leaders, Kitchen Helpers, set up Team, Take Down Team, Clean up Team and Security Team. Without enough volunteers we will not be able to have a VBS this year!

Please contact Barbara Profit 313-516-8740 If you have any questions or want to sign up. Thank You.

Concordia School looking for 3rd and 4th grade teacher contact Pat Schultz Principal 818-937-2233

Church Picnic August 20,2023 followed service potluck behind the Church ground.

Free ESL Classes everyone welcome come often or when you can.

Friendship Social/Sewing Class Meets Thursdays 10am-12pm Hand Sewing and Basic Machine Sewing at Shadow of the Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church 20805 Middlebelt Rd, Farmington Hills, MI · (248) 474-0675

SOTC International Friendship Center

Our ESL sewing program is need of fabric, trims, notions and gently used pillowcases Please consider donating:

We will have a donation in the narthex under the altar flower chart. The sewing mentors thank you for your anticipated support.

PRAISE CHOIR Meet on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesday, in August at 5:30 pm and All are welcome!!!

SOTC CHOIR will resume Tuesday 9/12/2023 7:00PM.

MEN'S CHOIR will resume Sunday 09/17/2023 right after church.

The Food Pantry Please shop from our summer pantry grocery list on the bulletin board or see Dawn for list.

Money Donated during coffee hour at the dessert table is being using to buy kitchen supply.

Concordia Lutheran School Annual Dinner/Auction Sunday October 29,2023, "March Forth Knights" Held 3:30pm at Hellenic Cultural Center, Westland, MI. Tickets sold in CLS Office 313-937-2233

August 2023



Calendarpedia
Your source for calendars

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Pastor 11:00am Bible Study		ESL Program meet. 10am to 12:00pm All welcome		10:00am Sunday School Adults Zoom. Noon properties cleanup.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.	6:00pm Trustees Meeting. 7:00pm Elders' Meeting. Vbs 5pm-8:30pm dinner 5:00pm	Pastor 11:00am Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Choir Vbs 5pm-8:30pm dinner 5:00pm	7:00pm. Finance Meeting. Vbs 5pm-8:30pm dinner 5:00pm	ESL Program meet. 10am to 12:00pm All welcome Vbs 5pm-8:30pm dinner 5:00pm	Vbs 5pm-8:30pm dinner 5:00pm	10:00am Sunday School Adults Zoom 1 11:15am Prayer Journey. Noon properties cleanup.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.		Pastor 11:00am Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Choir		7:00p Leadership C ESL Program meet. 10am to 12:00pm All welcome		10:00am Sunday School Adult Zoom. Noon properties cleanup.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School, Church Picnic after church		Pastor 11:00am Bible Study		10:30 Visually Impaired B Study ESL Program meet. 10am to 12:00pm All welcome		10:00am Sunday School Adult Zoom. 11:15am Prayer Journey Noon properties cleanup.
27	28	29	30	31		
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